

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative LaJoy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Gleason, Leland, Condino. (15/17)
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Murphy, Kathleen Law. (2/17)

Representative Byrnes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2006, supported by Representative Gosselin. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 779 before the Committee.

SB 779 Gilbert Traffic control; traffic regulation; sunset date for weight restrictions on certain highways or roads; remove.

David Worthams, representing Senator Gilbert, spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of SB 779.

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the Committee in support of the bill.

Brad Williams, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), submitted a card indicating a neutral position on SB 779.

Representative Wenke made a motion to report SB 779 with recommendation, supported by Representative Casperson.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Condino. (12/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (12/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid HB 4032 before the Committee.

HB 4032 Whitmer Traffic control; speed restrictions; speed limit; allow input by city councils in setting certain speed limits.

Steve Purdy, representing the Michigan Chapter of the National Motorists Association, spoke in opposition to HB 4032.

Audrey Robinson, representing the House Republican Policy Staff, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4032.

Brad Williams, representing MDOT, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a card in support of a substitute for the bill.

Greg Zarotney, representing the Michigan State Police, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a card in support of HB 4032.

Representative Moore made a motion to adopt HB 4032 (H-1), supported by Representative Casperson.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representative LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Wenke, Moore, Pearce, Gleason, Condino. (9/17)

Nays: Representatives Meyer, Pavlov, Byrnes. (3/17)

Pass: Representatives Anderson, Leland. (2/17) (9/3/2)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Moore made a motion to report HB 4032 (H-1), supported by Representative Casperson.

ADVERSE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, Casperson, Wenke, Moore, Pearce, Gleason, Condino. (7/16)

Nays: Representatives Pavlov, Byrnes. (2/17)

Pass: Representatives David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Anderson, Leland. (5/17) (7/2/5)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion did not prevail.

Representative Meyer made a motion to reconsider the vote by which HB 4032 (H-1) failed to be reported from Committee and to pass the item for the day, supported by Representative Condino.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Gleason, Leland, Condino. (14/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (1/17) (14/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chair LaJoy stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:30 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:39 a.m. and laid HB 5638 before the Committee.

HB 5638 Kooiman Transportation; railroads; Midwest interstate rail compact; create.

Representative Kooiman spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5638 and answered questions.

Lauren Kliener Cleaver, representing the Midwest Interstate Passage Rail Commission, spoke to the Committee in support of the bill.

Ben Stupka, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a card in support of HB 5638.

Brad Williams, representing MDOT, spoke in opposition to HB 5638.

Representative Nitz made a motion to report HB 5638 with recommendation, supported by Representative Pearce.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Gleason. (11/17)

Nays: Representative Condino. (1/17)

Pass: Representatives Anderson, Byrnes, Leland. (3/17) (14/1/3)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

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Representative Meyer made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Byrnes. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair LaJoy declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:25 a.m.

Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

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